Senate Minutes – Short version; see [video](https://sites.google.com/a/sou.edu/sou-faculty-senate-videos/october-20-2014) for full taped session.

October 20, 2014

SU 313 4:05 – 4:55 pm

**Members Present**: Brown, Carter, Ferguson, Hughes, Jones, May, Nordquist, Ormes, Purslow, Richards, Rosenberg, Russell-Miller, Harvey, Shrewsbury, Slattery, Whitman, Wilder.

**University Leadership:** President Saigo and Provost Walsh.

**Guests:** Craig Morris, Sherry Ettlich, Torii Uehara, Brian Stonelake

**4:05 Approval of Minutes:** (for 10/06/2014) Moved, Russell-Miller; seconded, Rosenberg; Approved unanimously with one abstention (Ferguson).

**4:08 Announcements:**

Shrewsbury attempted to clarify that the new sabbatical application form had been brought forward to the Faculty Senate at the June 2d meeting and discussed for ½ hour (see video starting at 7minutes, 20 seconds (7:20)).

* Ferguson raised concern that we had not actually finished the discussion.
* Carter asked for clarification regarding who fills out questionnaire of page 4.
* Walsh answered – faculty; for their own use; use by committee optional at faculty discretion.
* Purslow asked for further clarification on assignment of points.
* Ettlich explained and Walsh reiterated that the purpose of the form was to allow all faculty members to produce equally strong applications, even without being tutored in the process.
* Carter remarked that a vote on accepting the new form might not be a Senate prerogative, but that a presentation of changes by the taskforce to the committee in November would be much appreciated; Walsh agreed.

**Discussion & Information Items:**

**4:20** **Comments from President Saigo**

* Presentation on 10/20/14 to Medford Chamber of Commerce of SOU drives for recruitment, retention, and academic excellence were well received.
* Met with Ashland Chamber of Commerce and Governor, also 10/20/2014
* Continues to meet with regional Community Colleges, High Schools, and school boards, in particular with Klamath Community College and with the Ashland High School Principal; has been discussing 2-2-2 programs (2 years High School, 2 years CC, & 2 years SOU to complete HS and BA/BS.
* Nordquist noted and Walsh reaffirmed that HECC has expressed some reservations about teacher qualifications and certifications, and that “free” tuition is a concern
* Saigo noted that many downstate (not Portland) HS students are taking a 5th year of dual credit courses with CCs
* Noted that SOU is very highly ranked (with University of Washington) for the quality of its long-distance education offerings
* Noted we are in a “good, competitive environment;” we need to stay connected to our communities and linked to other local schools in order to accomplish our goals.

**~4:28: Comments from Provost Walsh**

* HECC has begun putting together a process for evaluating University Boards and is consulting with the Provosts’ Council on the matter.
* Met with governor Kitzhaber and several SOU students in Hawk on 10/20/2014. Students were “amazing.”

**~4:33 ASSOU Report (Torii Uehara)**

Reminds senators and faculty that Student Government is working with the statewide Oregon Student Association to conduct a student voting campaign, *Vote OR Vote,* because students need to vote in order to influence state spending priorities

* ASSOU has undertaken three initiatives: *registration, education and turnout*. *Registration* effort is complete for this cycle; completed more than 900 new student registrations on campus this fall, 55,000 statewide in 2014. *Education:* ASSOU is providing explanatory, non-partisan voters’ pamphlets for students; samples were passed out, and more are available in the Sours center. *Turnout:* Pamphlets include pledge-to-vote cards; ASSOU is conducting a calling campaign, will maintain a ballot drop box in the Sours center, and, from noon to 3 PM, in the SOU courtyard – ballots to be delivered to the public drop box behind Ashland Public Library.
* ASSOU requests faculty help hosting student get-out-the-vote raps in classes; 5, 10, and 30-minute versions are available – Please get involved and invite your colleagues to do the same.

**4:33 Committee on Committees Report**

Senators Brown and Russell-Miller announced the following vacancies –

* University Studies Committee: One 1-year, one 2-year and two 3-year vacancies
* Financial Aid & Awards: one 1-year and three 3-year vacancies
* Curriculum Committee: one 2-year vacancy
* Please apply or encourage your colleagues to apply.

**4:46 Constitution Committee Report**

Chair Nordquist reported on the Constitution Committee’s progress towards incorporating administrative re-organization into the Faculty Constitution and By-Laws:

* Expected completion date: 11/3/2014
* Changes from Deans to Directors complete except Section 1, where position name changes still need to be completed
* Language about Professors of Practice in progress
* Redistricting of senate seats to reflect new organization in progress

**4:48 Proposed representation of new Divisions on Faculty Senate**

Senator Nordquist reported the following structure is likely to be proposed soon:

3 seats each for each of the new divisions:

**Center for the Arts; Business Communication and the Environment; Health Physical Education and Leadership; Humanities and Culture; Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics; Social Sciences (18 senators), one seat each for the library and Undergraduate Studies (2 senators), and four at-large senators, for a total senate of 24.**

**4:55 Meeting adjourned**